



# **Homestead National Monument of American Commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Homestead Act**

**May 20, 2012  
Event Schedule**

- 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.** Homestead Education Center open
- 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.** Homestead Heritage Center & Homestead Act Exhibit open
- 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** President Lincoln's Legacies: A Panel Presentation on the Homestead Act, the Morrill Act and USDA – Homestead Education Center
- 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.** National Signature Event Commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Homestead Act – Homestead Heritage Center Stage

**This event will include:**

- **Presentation of the Colors** by the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard Fort Riley, Kansas
- **The National Anthem** by the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band ~ Brass in Blue
- **Procession of 30 State Flags** by Homesteader descendants or Volunteers
- **An American Indian Blessing**
- **Opening Remarks**
- **Vignettes** by "Free Land? 1862 and the Shaping of Modern America" Chautauqua Characters
- **Poetry Readings**
- **Special Presenters**
- **Closing Remarks** by the Last Women Homesteader
- **Special Music** by Atz Kilcher, Son of Alaska homesteaders
- **and much more!**

**15 MINUTE INTERMISSION**

- 8 p.m. – 9 p.m.** Concert by the U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band ~ Brass in Blue  
- Homestead Heritage Center Stage

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- 9:15 – 9:45 p.m.** 150 Years of Homesteading Illuminated Laser Light Show  
- Homestead Heritage Center Giant Screen

**Important Event Information:** All events take at place at Homestead National Monument of America and are FREE. Parking will be at the Gage County Fairgrounds with free shuttle service provided. Handicapped parking will be available at the Heritage Center parking lot at Homestead National Monument of America. The 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. events will take place outdoors. Food vendors will be available onsite.